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CHAIRMAN

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1. REQUEST AGATT PERSONALLY DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER TO
DEPUTY MINISTER RUNOV AT ONCE. FYI: NEITHER ASSISTANT
SECRETARY BELL NOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY LONG WILL BE ABLE TO
ATTEND US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING ON AGRICULTURAL CO-
OPERATION OCTOBER 15-17. MR. BELL REQUESTS THAT VANDER
MYDE LEAD US DELEGATION FOR ENTIRE SESSION. MR. BELL ALSO
REQUESTS THAT AGATT INFORM MR. RUNOV IN STRONGEST TERMS
PERSONALLY THAT FACT THAT NEITHER HE NOR MR. LONG ARE ABLE
TO ATTEND MEETINGS IN NO WAY RPT IN NO WAY INDICATES WANING
US INTEREST IN AGREEMENT. PRESSING MATTERS REQUIRING MR.
BELL'S ATTENTION AFTER PROLONGED ABSENCE MUCH OF WHICH TIME
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SPENT IN MOSCOW ON AGRICULTURAL MATTERS. MR. LONG UNABLE

TO BREAK COMMITMENTS ON SHORT NOTICE IN ORDER TO LEAD DELEGATION. END FYI.

2. "DEAR BORIS: DURING THIS PAST WEEKEND I RECEIVED WORD OF YOUR CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBILITY THAT I MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE THIRD SESSION OF THE US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION DURING OCTOBER 15-17. I MENTIONED IN MY LETTER OF OCTOBER 10 THAT MY LATE RETURN FROM MOSCOW MIGHT PRECLUDE MY RETURNING THERE IN TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING. THIS IS NOW THE CASE. I AM CONTINUING TO WORK ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE MATTERS WHICH WERE DISCUSSED WITH YOUR FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY DURING MY STAY IN MOSCOW. IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE MATTERS TO BOTH OF OUR COUNTRIES, I AM SURE YOU RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR ME TO REMAIN IN WASHINGTON AT THIS TIME.

3. WE HAD HOPED THAT MR. LONG, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR CONSERVATION, RESEARCH AND EDUCATION, MIGHT BE ABLE TO LEAD OUR DELEGATION TO THIS MEETING. HOWEVER, MR. LONG, ANTICIPATING THAT I WOULD LEAD OUR DELEGATION, MADE SEVERAL COMMITMENTS DURING THIS PERIOD SOME TIME AGO AND IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR HIM, IN LIGHT OF THIS SHORT NOTICE, TO ADJUST HIS SCHEDULE. I HAVE THEREFORE ASKED MR. VANDER MYDE, CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CONSERVATION, RESEARCH AND EDUCATION, TO LEAD OUR DELEGATION THROUGHOUT THE THIRD SESSION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

4. I WISH TO UNDERLINE IN THE STRONGEST TERMS THAT THE FACT THAT WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEAD OUR DELEGATION IN NO WAY INDICATES A WANING INTEREST ON OUR SIDE IN THE AGREEMENT. THERE WAS NO WAY WE COULD ANTICIPATE THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH PREVENT MY PRESENCE IN MOSCOW. I VERY STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT IS OF VITAL INTEREST TO BOTH OUR COUNTRIES AND I VIEW THE THIRD SESSION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE IN THIS LIGHT.

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5. AS YOU KNOW, MR. VANDER MYDE HAS BEEN CLOSELY INVOLVED IN OUR BILATERAL AGRICULTURAL AGREEMENT SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP. AS CHAIRMAN OF THIS WORKING GROUP, HE HAS BEEN PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS AND HAD BEEN KEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN OUR EXCHANGES IN BOTH WORKING GROUPS. MR. VANDER MYDE HAS MET WITH YOUR DELEGATIONS UNDER THIS AGREEMENT ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS AND HAS TAKEN A PERSONAL

ROLE IN PLANNING FOR THE WORKING GROUP AND JOINT COMMITTEE MEETINGS. IN ADDITION, TWO ADMINISTRATORS WHOSE AGENCIES PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THIS EXCHANGE, DR. EDMINSTER, ADMISTRATOR OF THE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE AND DR. WEST, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE, ARE INCLUDED IN OUR DELEGATION. THE PARTICIPATION OF THESE KEY INDIVIDUALS UNDERLINES THE IMPORTANCE WE PLACE ON THIS JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING.

6. I REGRET VERY MUCH THAT I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO LEAD OUR DELEGATION. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE UNDER OUR AGREEMENT AND I BELIEVE THAT OUR REPRESENTATION IN THIS THIRD JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING IS MORE THAN SUFFICIENT TO ENSURE THAT THIS PROGRESS WILL CONTINUE." INGERSOLL

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